

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MAY 22, 2017
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2017-0223
608 E. 49TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, L-plan, side- and front-gabled frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed independent porch; single and paired 6:6 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1948 by Sam J. Gore, who lived here for the rest of his life. Sam Gore was born in Williamson County, near Thrall, Texas, and was serving as a city firefighter in Austin at the time that he and his wife Thelma built this house. Thelma Gore worked as a clerk for the State Industrial Accident Board in the late 1950s. It appears that Sam and Thelma divorced in the early 1960s; Sam and his new wife, Maxine B. (Barbara) are listed as the owners and occupants of this house from the mid-1960s onwards. Around the same time that he married Barbara, Sam also had a career change – he became a building contractor, and in the late 1960s, is listed as the proprietor of the Sam J. Gore Construction Company, with offices at the house. Sam then worked as a housing counselor for the City of Austin in the early 1970s, and then as a supervisor for mechanical inspections in the City Building Inspection Department until his retirement in 1985. He passed away in 1994.

City building permit records show that Sam Gore made several additions to this house, including the construction of the front-gabled front addition in 1957.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center. The house typifies the settlement pattern of this section of the city, with large, semi-rural lots, and houses set significantly back from the street, so every effort to maintain the house and its character should be considered for this property. However, the house does not have the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2017-0223
LOCATION: 608 E 49th Street



1" = 139'

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608 E. 49th Street
ca. 1948





Google Streetview photo – clearly shows the house (March, 2011)

OCCUPANCY HISTORY 608 E. 49th Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
May, 2017

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| 1992 | Sam J. and Barbara Gore, owners
Retired |
| 1985-86 | Sam J. Gore, owner
Supervisor, mechanical inspections, City Building Inspection Department. |
| 1981 | Sam J. Gore, owner
Supervisor, mechanical inspections, City Building Inspection Department. |
| 1977 | Sam J. and Barbara J. Gore, owners
Sam: Supervisor, mechanical inspections, City Building Inspection Department.
Barbara: Employed by P&R Body and Paint (not listed in the directory). |
| 1973 | Sam J. and Barbara Gore, owners
Sam: Housing counsellor, City of Austin
Barbara: Office secretary, Jimmie Connolly Company, general insurance, 2101 S. Interregional Highway. |
| 1968 | Sam J. and Barbara Gore, owners
Sam: Proprietor, Sam J. Gore Construction Company, commercial and residential, building, plumbing and heating, complete repairs, fixtures and supplies, water heaters, sales, service and |

- installation, new construction, back hoe front loaders, office at the house.
- Barbara: Office secretary, Jimmie Connolly Company, general insurance, 812 Brazos Street.
- 1965 Sam J. and Maxine B. Gore, owners
Building contractor (office at the house)
- 1961 Sam J. and Thelma L. Gore, owners
City firefighter
- 1957 Sam J. and Thelma Gore, owners
Sam: City firefighter
Thelma: Clerk, State Industrial Accident Board
- 1954 Sam J. and Thelma L. Gore, owners
City firefighter
NOTE: Thelma L. Gore is not separately listed with an occupation.
- 1952 Sam J. and Thelma L. Gore, owners
City firefighter
- 1949 Sam J. and Thelma L. Gore, owners
City firefighter
- 1947 The address is listed in the directory, but references the house that is now known as 602 E. 49th Street. This house was built in 1948.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**Sam J. Gore (ca. 1948 - 1994)**

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Sam Gore as the 8-year old son of Oscar and Mary Gore, who rented their home near Thrall in Williamson County, Texas. Sam had been born in Texas. His father, Oscar, (who was also the census enumerator), was 50, had been born in Kentucky, and was a farmer. Mary, his mother, was 31, and had been born in Texas. Sam had a younger sister, Nellrose, 7, who had been born in Texas.

Sam J. Gore appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 18-year old son of Mary Gore, a widow, who rented her home in rural Williamson County, Texas. Neither Sam, his mother, nor his sister had an occupation listed, but the family did have two boarders, Roy and Floy Witcher, both Texas-born school teachers.

Sam Jarrell Gore

Sam Jarrell Gore, 73, of Austin, died at his home Wednesday, October 19, 1994.

He was born September 1, 1921, in the Shiloh Community in Williamson County, to O.S. and Mary Jarrell Gore.

He graduated from Thrall High School and then served in the United States Navy during World War II.

He then began his employment with the City of Austin as a fireman. In 1985, with over 30 years service with the City of Austin, he retired from the Building and Plumbing Inspection Department. He was well-know in the building and plumbing community. Throughout his life he was a farmer and rancher in the Shiloh Community.

He was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church where he served on the Board of Trustees and sang in the choir. He had a beautiful voice.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home, Friday, October 21, 1994, from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, October 22, 1994, at Memorial United Methodist Church, with Reverend Larry Altman officiating. Interment will follow in Cook-Walden/Capital Parks. Pallbearers will be Gary Grose, Frank Grose, Todd Dutton, Brooks Slaughter, Ken Sladek and John Nixon.

Survivors include his fiancée, Fran Johnson of Austin; daughter and son-in-law, Louise and Frank Grose of Thrall, Texas; sister and brother-in-law, Nell and Paul Nichols of Austin; grandson, Gary Grose and his wife, Allison of Austin; nephew, Bob Nichols of Austin and niece, Lynda Williams of Weatherford, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Memorial United Methodist Church.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 N. Lamar.

Obituary of Sam J. Gore
 Austin American-Statesman, October 21, 1994

Sam J. Gore	608 East 49th Street
212 (84'x187.5')	- - -
Fred A. Mueller Tract	
Frame residence.	
39149 9-27-48	\$2800.00
Owner	

Building permit to Sam J. Gore for the construction of this house (1948)

Sam Gore 608 E. 49th St.

212 84 X 187.5 -

Fred A. Mueller Unplatted

Frame addn at ffont of residence.

67435 9/6/57 3000.00
 add 3 move 3
 owner

Building permit to Sam Gore for the construction of a frame addition to the front of the house
 (1957)

OWNER Sam Gore ADDRESS 608 East 49th Street

PLAT 212 LOT 84' X 187.5' Fred A. Mueller Tr. BLK -

SUBDIVISION Unplatted

OCCUPANCY Carport & Storage

BLD PERMIT # 100081 DATE 6-20-66 OWNERS ESTIMATE 500.00

CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES none

WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #

Frame Addition to Accessory Building

688 sq.ft.

Building permit to Sam Gore for the construction of a frame addition to an accessory building
 (1966)

OWNER Sam Gore ADDRESS 608 E 49th Street
PLAT 212 LOT 84' x 187.5' Fred A. Mueller BLK
SUBDIVISION Unplatted
OCCUPANCY Residence
BLD PERMIT # 102244 DATE 2-1-67 OWNERS ESTIMATE 60000
CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES
WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #
Remodel Existing Residence

Building permit to Sam Gore to remodel the house (1967)